

**Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of nutritional supplementation of animals, comprising:  
feeding a small but nutritional supplementation effective amount,  
a 1:1 neutral complex of an essential trace element and a dicarboxylic alpha amino acid to an animal.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the animal is a domesticated livestock or poultry animal.